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**ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY CARE**

**MINUTES**

**May 8, 2003**

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Care met on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Ms. McQuaid called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bonnie McQuaid, RRT  
John Osborn, MD  
Brian Walsh, RRT  
William Egelhoff

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brian Wilson, RRT

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Medicine  
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing, Elaine Yeatts,  
Senior Regulatory Analyst,  
Nicole Gordon, Recording Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT:** JoLynn Hamelman, RRT

**Approval of Minutes dated January 9, 2003**

Dr. Osborn moved to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board on Respiratory Care dated January 9, 2003. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Brian Walsh moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded, discussed carried.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

JoLynn Hammelman had comments on use of opioid medication.

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## **Report of Officers**

There were no reports.

### **#1. Regulatory Chart**

Ms. Yeatts indicated that the regulations for respiratory care have not been finalized. She also explained the status of Volunteer Practice regulations and their effect on respiratory care practitioners.

### **#2. Review of legislation from the 2003 session of the General Assembly.**

Ms. Yeatts presented highlights of changes in the law pursuant to actions of the 2003 General Assembly. HB 1441 will affect reporting requirements, change the standard for taking disciplinary action from gross negligence to simple negligence and create a confidential consent agreement. HB 1792 addresses defaults on educational loans. HB 1820 will eliminate posting of the licensee's address on-line. HB 2182 requires emergency contact information be collected for the Health Department.

### **#3. Discussion of 18 VAC 85-40-70, use of opioid medication and possible NOIRA.**

Code § **54.1-3408**, Drug Control Act, was discussed with suggested changes to allow respiratory care practitioners to administer controlled (narcotics) substances. Discussion for language to change second paragraph, line three adding respiratory care practitioners after physician assistants and deleting section **"A prescriber may authorize a certified respiratory therapy practitioner as defined in § 54.1-2954 to administer by inhalation controlled substance used in inhalation or respiratory therapy."** Ms. Yeatts suggested a consultation with the director of the Board of Pharmacy regarding this section of the Drug Control Act. If changes need to be made the Advisory Board will be contacted with alternative language.

### **4. Review of DHP orientation packets**

Dr. Harp presented information to the Advisory Board members regarding orientation and addressed topics such as purpose of the Department of Health Professions, responsibilities of the Advisory Board to the full Board, disciplinary matters, FOIA and many other aspects of the Department as it relates to them. He provided written documents and informational pamphlets for their review and future reference.

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**Announcements**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2003 at 1p.m.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bonnie McQuaid, RRT  
Chairman

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William L. Harp, MD  
Executive Director

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Nicole Gordon  
Recording Secretary